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Sir:

In reviewing the Filing Receipt for the above-identified application, we uncovered an error. The error is in the title of the application. Accordingly, we ask that this correction be made to the Filing Receipt as indicated hereinbelow.

The title of the invention incorrectly reads "Therated". The title of the invention should read "Threaded".

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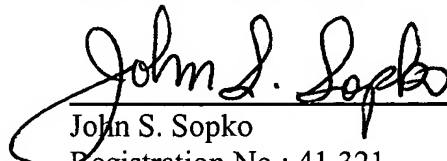
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of Attorney and a copy of a previously filed Preliminary Amendment evidencing the correct spelling of the title.

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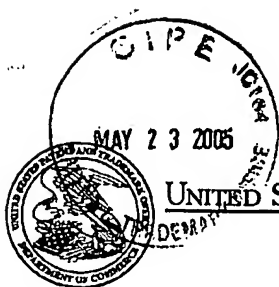
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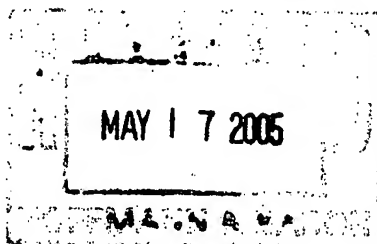


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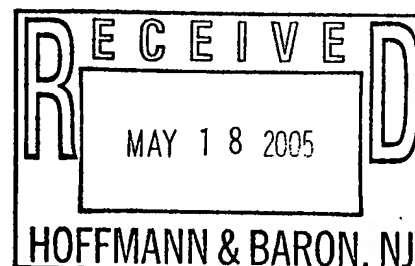
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Title

Threaded
 Threated cap provided with tamper-evident band

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Threaded cap provided with tamper-evident band

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I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; and I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) all information known by me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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Title: Threatened cap provided with tamper-evident band

U.S. Application filed July 26, 2004, Serial No. 10/502,535

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I hereby further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this submission.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this submission.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this submission.

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A. **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the title of the invention as follows:

~~Thereated~~ **THREADED** CAP PROVIDED WITH TAMPER-EVIDENT BAND

Please add the following immediately after the title of the invention:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:

This application is the National Stage of International Application No.

PCT/NL 03/00078, filed February 5, 2003, which claims the benefit of Netherlands Application No. NL 1019903, filed February 5, 2002, the contents of which are incorporated by reference herein.

Please add the following new paragraph immediately prior to page 1, line 1, and after the Cross Reference to Related Applications, as follows:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION:

Please delete the paragraph at page 1, line 8, which begins with "The collar may...".

Please delete the paragraph at page 1, line 11, which begins with "In a preferred application...".

Please delete the paragraph at page 1, line 16, which begins with "The collar could also ...".

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Please add the following new paragraph immediately prior to page 1, line 21, as follows:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION:

Please add the following new paragraph immediately prior to page 2, line 21, as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION:

Please add the following three paragraphs, which were deleted from page 1, immediately prior to page 2, line 27, as follows:

The collar may, for example, form (an integral) part of a closure member for the container.

In a preferred application of the invention, the collar is an integral part of a screw cap, for example having a closure wall running transversely with respect to the circumferential wall of the collar.

The collar could also be designed as a securing collar for fixing an object, for example a pump enabling the contents of the container to be dispensed via the pump, in the neck of the container.

Please add the following new paragraph immediately prior to page 3, line 1, as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS:

Please add the following new paragraph immediately prior to page 3, line 22, as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS:

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Please amend the section description for the claims on top of page 7, as follows:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: ~~CLAIMS~~

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B. Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the following claims as provided:

Claim 1. (currently amended): A combination of a container having a neck (2), which surrounds an opening (3) in the container, and a plastic collar (21), which can be screwed onto the neck and has a top side and an underside and an outer circumference, the neck (2) being provided with a first screw thread (6) and the collar (21) being provided with a second screw thread (24), which is complementary to the first screw thread in order for the collar to be screwed onto the neck, and the neck of the container being provided, beneath the first screw thread, with a blocking rib (7) which projects radially outwards, and the collar being provided on the underside with a tamper-evident ring (25), which ring is provided on the inner circumference with inwardly projecting flexible blocking members (27), which are distributed around the circumference, in such a manner that when the collar is screwed onto the neck the flexible blocking members (27) pass over the blocking rib, and when the collar (21) is being unscrewed the blocking rib forms a stop for the blocking members (27), resulting in one or more parts of the collar breaking, the tamper-evident ring (25) comprising a plurality of ring segments (26) which lie next to one another in the circumferential direction, each ring segment (26) being provided, on the inner side, with a blocking member (27), and each ring segment (26), via at least one unbreakable and flexible connecting body (28), being integral with the collar, and each ring segment (26) being connected, via breakable bridges (30), to the adjacent ring segments, in such a manner that when the collar (21) is unscrewed for the first time, the blocking members (27) come into contact with the blocking rib (7) and break one or more breakable bridges (30) of the tamper-evident ring (25), so that the ring segment (26) with the blocking members (27) can move outwards and the blocking members can move past the blocking rib, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein each connecting body (28) extends radially inwards from the top side of the ring segment (26), and each ring segment (26) has an associated single connecting body (28) which extends over a smaller circumferential angle than the associated ring segment, so that there is an opening (29) between circumferentially successive connecting bodies (28), and the blocking member (27)

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which is associated with a ring segment (26) being arranged offset, as seen in the circumferential direction, with respect to the connecting body (28).

Claim 2. (currently amended): The combination according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein a blocking member (27) is a lip which projects obliquely upwards and inwards from the inner side of the ring segment (26).

Claim 3. (currently amended): The combination according to claim 1 ~~one or more of the preceding claims, in which~~ wherein the breakable bridges (30) are located in the vicinity of the underside of the ring segments (26).

Claim 4. (currently amended): The combination according to claim 1 ~~one or more of the preceding claims, in which~~ wherein the collar (21) forms part of a closure member for closing the opening in the neck of the container, in particular of a screw cap (20).

Claim 5. (currently amended): Plastic collar according to claim 1 ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~ which can be screwed onto a neck (2) of a container.

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C. Remarks/Arguments:

The claims have been non-narrowingly amended to remove multiple dependencies and to conform with standard U.S. practice. This application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable action thereon is therefore respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning the above, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number given below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2461.

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